

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 518, as Amended**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Shaking Infants Video		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 518, as amended, amends Chapter 37, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 44-37-50 which provides that a video, educating parents about the dangers of shaking infants, be made available by the Department of Health & Environmental Control (through hospitals and the Department of Social Services Adoptions Services) to all new parents and adoptive parents. The Bill provides that all new/adoptive parents must be asked to view the video and sign a form indicating that they have been offered the opportunity to view the video. The Bill requires the Department of Health & Environmental Control to approve the video(s) selected for presentation to parents; to provide a copy of an approved video to hospitals or interested individuals (at cost), and to provide hospitals with acknowledgement forms for new parents to sign.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Department of Health & Environmental Control

The Department has not yet determined the most cost-effective method for selecting a video for distribution (i.e., produce in-house, contract for production or use commercially available videos). Therefore the cost cannot be estimated. However, since the Bill allows the agency to charge a fee for the video, any costs incurred by the agency should be recoverable from the fees. There would be no cost to the State General Fund. There would be a cost (recoverable from fees) to Other Funds. The cost of printing and distributing the video acknowledgement forms to be signed by new parents would be minimal and can be absorbed by the agency.

Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

This Bill would have minimum fiscal impact since MUSC already has an in-patient educational TV channel in place that could be utilized to enable parents to view the video.

Department of Social Services

The Department indicates that this Bill would have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State and Federal and/or Other Funds as the agency's training curriculum for adoptive parents will be revised to incorporate the video presentation and that the agency would not be responsible for creating the videos.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:

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